



NIC Barrier Island Berm Meeting

Tuesday May 1, 2010 from 1pm – 4:30pm (Central)

Port of New Orleans Administration Building Auditorium

1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70160

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Meeting Objective -- Develop a final position on the following:

- (1) The feasibility of this intervention [the USACE permitted berm project],
- (2) Whether this construction is a bona fide element of spill response and recovery,
- (3) A recommended course of action for the remaining Louisiana segments approved by the Corps of Engineers, and
- (4) The applicability of these decisions on other potential berm projects in areas threatened by the spill.

<u>Time (CDT)</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
1300	Meeting opening and intent	National Incident Commander ADM Thad Allen
1315	Proposed berm project and oil spill objectives to including estimates of time and equipment factors	TBD: CPRA (permittee)
1345	Permitted actions and conditions of USACE Permit, final permit process, NEPA review, and independent assessment of time and equipment factors	USACE COL Al Lee (with CEQ as necessary)
1415	Feasibility of Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are construction factors and considerations? How quickly and how much protection is afforded to the marshes? How will oil, borrow, and fill material interaction be managed? 	Facilitated Panel Discussion: TBD: CPRA technical Dr. Denise Reed, UNO USACE: Dr. Bruce Ebersole ERDC (Hydrodynamic modeling) or Mr. Walter Baumy New Orleans District, Chief of Engineering US Army Corps of Engineers
1500	Spill response bona fides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How quickly and how much protection is afforded to the marshes, and how does this compare to other response techniques? Does this construction affect implementation of other response activities? What are the benefits and impacts to other natural resources? How do any berm impacts compare to oil alone? 	Facilitated Panel Discussion: TBD: LOSCO technical Dr. Jacqui Michel, NOAA/RPI Dr. Robert Twilley, LSU TBD: Natural Resource Trustee
1545	Net benefits question for both panels: Given the urgency of the situation, and the need for a decision with incomplete information, what do you believe is the net benefit of the proposed project?	Question to both sets of panelists (3 minute response each)
1600	Course of action for additional permitted segments Discussion of final position development	National Incident Commander ADM Thad Allen